



SYNOPSIS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

PUBLIC SESSION

JUNE 29, 2016

Chair's Remarks

The Chair noted the recent Chancellor's Installation Event. It was a significant event in the life of the University – an opportunity to welcome Noreen Taylor. She thanked Board members for attending. She also offered her congratulations on this year's Convocation events. Convocation presents a wonderful opportunity for Board members to be part of the Convocation ceremonies and provide support. She thanked those Board members who attended. She commented that Convocation also provided the Board with a chance to congratulate one of the student Governors, Jonathan Hackett, who was part of the class of 2016. She congratulated the event teams for pulling off the events with such flair. They seemed perfectly orchestrated and were warmly regarded by the attendees. It allowed Board members to mingle with the community and to bring together internal and external members of the UOIT community.

She discussed her recent attendance at CCOU meetings and provided a summary of the main topics of discussion. There was a consensus that there is a need for more public dialogue about the role of public universities. She noted the President's involvement with the COU at the provincial and national level.

The Chair referred to the recent announcements regarding investment in the auto sector and infrastructure development (407 extension and extending Go Train service east). While the GTA a competitive market, there is great potential in the region and UOIT is one of the significant players in the region. This context is important as the back drop for discussions in years to come.

The Chair ended by recognizing the contributions of A. AlZahrani and J. Hackett, the Student Governors, as their terms end. They both sent their thanks for the opportunity to work with the Board.

President's Report

The President talked about the life cycle of universities. He offered his congratulations to those in UOIT's Faculty of Health Sciences and Durham College (DC) on the recent news regarding the Nursing Program accreditation.

Everyone is taking notice of what has been happening at UBC. UBC seems to have made a remarkable choice of new President, who has strong ties to BC and seems to be healing rifts. The President remarked that institutions have long lives and there are many ups and downs.

He also noted that it is conference season. Many of UOIT's faculty are attending conferences near and far. More students are also attending conferences. UOIT also has an increasing number of students obtaining international placements. This can be worrying in light of the recent events in Orlando, Brussels and Cambridge. Tolerance seems to be under threat. In terms of the University's broader role in society, it is important to reflect tolerance, inclusiveness, and diversity. It is also important to remain vigilant so students and faculty travelling abroad remain safe.

The President reported on his trip to the Netherlands.

The President ended by congratulating the following individuals on the awarding of tenure and promotion to the rank of Associate Professor effective July 1, 2016:

- Wei Shi, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Business and Information Technology
- Julie Thorpe, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Business and Information Technology
- Diana Petrarca, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education
- Walid Ibrahim, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science
- Meghann Lloyd, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences
- Christopher Collins, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Science
- Rachel Ariss, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities
- Leigh Harkins, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities
- Teresa Pierce, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities

and promotion to the rank of Professor to the following tenured faculty members, effective July 1, 2016:

- Glenn Harvel, Associate Professor, Faculty of Energy Systems and Nuclear Science
- Scott Nokleby, Associate Professor, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science
- Shahram Shahbazpanahi, Associate Professor, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Co-Populous Report

D. Allingham delivered the Co-Populous Report. Colleges seem to be in favour with the province and this bodes well for the Region. The DC Board last met on Monday, June 13. They reflected that they had a great year. The Board discussed the Ontario skills competition, as DC had a number of award winners. DC also hosted a tour for staff of Siemens Canada. The Centre for Food won an environmental achievement award. Next year is the 50th anniversary of the college system and there will be a number of events in Durham in celebration of the anniversary. The DC Board also spent a lot of time on the Quality Assurance Program Review and Risk Management for planning. He also discussed items from the DC Board Retreat.

Academic Council

Upon the recommendations of Academic Council, the Board of Governors approved the establishment of the following programs:

1. Honours Bachelor of Informatics in Business Technology Management
2. Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology & Social Justice
3. Graduate Diploma in Work Disability Prevention

Highlights from Committee Reports

Audit & Finance Committee (including Investment Committee):

The Board of Governors approved the following items:

1. Internal Restriction of \$6.5M in the University's net assets, as recommended by the Audit and Finance Committee;
2. The consolidated audited financial statements of UOIT for the year ending March 31, 2016, as recommended by the Audit & Finance committee; and
3. Statement of Investment Policies and Investment Committee Terms of Reference amended to incorporate ESG principles.

The Board also accepted the University Risk Management Report, dated June 29, 2016.

Governance, Nominations and Human Resources (GNHR) Committee:

The Board approved the following leadership appointments effective September 1, 2016:

- Adele Imrie - Chair of the Board
- Miles Goacher and John McKinley - Vice-Chairs of the Board
- Nigel Allen - Chair of the Investment Committee
- Karyn Brearley - Chair of the Governance, Nominations & Human Resources Committee
- Miles Goacher - Chair of the Audit & Finance Committee
- Valarie Wafer - Chair of the Strategy & Planning Committee

The Board also approved the Standing Committee memberships for 2016-2017.

Each of the Board Committees presented their annual report for 2015-2016.